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BLADIN' - An unidentified student rollerblades near Vaughn Library.

6 win student senate posts

Jeremy Coe
Staff Writer

Every candidate was a winner in the March Student Senate elections.

Only six candidates filed for six vacant positions, Student Senate Sponsor Scott Nalley said.

"I don't remember a time when we have had no contested races at all," Nalley said. "It's disappointing that there wasn't more interest in this year's races."

The lack of nominees is in-

dicative of a recent falloff in student participation, he said.

Next year's Senate officers are: President Marshall Hanna, Vice-President Jennifer Stacey and Secretary Dennis "Dutch" Hillebrand.

Sophomore Class officers are: President T.J. Poole, Vice-President Duane Stewart and Secretary Debi Hood.

Nalley said he knows the new officers and is confident that they will be successful.

"The reason I wanted the position is because I know there

are some things we can change next year," Hanna said. "We want to be a forum for the students."

"I think part of the problem this year was not enough communication," he said. "Students need to know about the activities in order to come."

Outgoing Senate president Jay Daggett said he will miss his involvement in TJC student government next year.

"I'd like to get in the Student Association at UT Austin," he said. "I may even run for an office, just as long as I'm involved."

Hawkins responds to UT Tyler bill

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House Bill 2578, introduced by Rep. Ted Kamel of Tyler will apparently put the downward expansion of The University of Texas at Tyler on the fast track.

TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins said he has mixed emotions about the bill which went to committee hearings last week.

"This bill represents the culmination of extensive discussions with this community," Kamel said. "It focuses first upon the interests and concerns of the students, parents and taxpayers of this region and provides for a strong future for UT, Tyler Junior College and for all the other higher education institutions in this region."

Kamel said his bill is a compromise, to benefit students, their families and Texas taxpayers.

"I don't know how he can call it a compromise when no one has

discussed it with me," Hawkins said.

"It (the bill) talks about creating a partnership between two schools. Then part of the bill proposes freshman and sophomore classes at UTT in the fall of 97. That nullifies the compromise part of the bill," he said.

Hawkins compared the bill to two people going into a partnership together and then one of the partners pulling out four years later and competing against the other.

"If Kamel is interested in a compromise between this institution and UTT, then no time limit should be put on it," Hawkins said.

Of the bill's feasibility, given the state's current financial woes, Hawkins said, "I don't know where they (the state) would get the money. He (Kamel) should author a bill that makes it possible to enter into a meaningful, long-term compromise at no additional cost to the taxpayers."

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42nd Career Day to cancel classes

TJC will host the annual Career Days Wednesday and Thursday on campus. Day classes here will be dismissed Thursday for the event, but night classes will meet. All classes are cancelled Friday until Monday for Easter holiday.

More than 1,600 middle and high school students will tour major TJC program areas and attend orientation sessions on career planning and trends.

Theme of this year's session is "Choose the Best!"

More than 550 students from area high schools have been invited to the Thursday morning session.

Some 1,100 students from Boulter, Dogan, Hogg, Hubbard, Moore and Stewart middle schools are expected to participate Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Admissions distributes time permits

Early registration permits for the fall are now available in the Registrar's Office in Jenkins Hall. Permits will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday until April 15. Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said.

Early registration will be at assigned times April 13-15.

College plans first summer graduation

For the first time a summer commencement ceremony will be held, Records Clerk Sharon Watson said. Deadline for registering for summer graduation is July 1, and the ceremony will be Aug. 13.

The deans decided to hold a summer ceremony to include the students who are on programs that require them to take summer classes, Registrar Secretary Denny Yarbrough said.

Students must pay \$15 to cover cap, gown and diploma. The deadline has passed for the 10 a.m. May 15 graduation in Wagstaff Gym. There are no plans for a fall ceremony.

Kamel UT Tyler bill needlessly challenges local junior colleges

The passage of State Representative Ted Kamel's legislation to expand the University of Texas at Tyler downward would be a disservice to Tyler and the people of Texas.

Though it is certain northeast Texas needs a four-year university, and though UT Tyler, currently offering upper-level and graduate classes, may be the obvious choice, Kamel's House Bill 2578 unnecessarily adds to the bureaucracy and needlessly challenges local junior colleges.

The bill would make TJC and UT Tyler partners from 1993-1997. Then UTT would begin to offer lower-level courses on its own. TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins aptly describes it as being business partners with someone and then having to compete with them."

If the partnership is an acceptable solution for four years, why must it be abolished after that time?

Why should taxpayer money be spent creating classes that already exist less than three miles away? The TJC administration has suggested a permanent partnership or "merger" between the two schools — this would eliminate duplication and use existing facilities already purchased by taxpayers.

It is ludicrous, in this issue of education, that the logical choices have been continually ignored.

East Texans, who must drive to Nacogdoches or Commerce for doctoral studies, would be better served if the funds being used to compete with 14 area junior and community colleges were diverted to build strong, local doctoral programs.

The first priority should be to provide needed, nonexistent services. Would a homeless family buy a second car in lieu of a house? Would a city want more policemen if they had no firemen?

TJC has an outstanding academic reputation in the state, and the liberal arts programs have, in recent years, taken precedence over vocational and technical courses. It has been a less-expensive, viable alternative to "name" schools around the state for over 65 years.

Current TJC students certainly do not have a vested interest in the issue of UT Tyler downward expansion. Each of us will have, by the time of the proposed bill's effect, long since left the hallowed halls of TJC for the last time.

But in the interest of good reason, in the interest of efficiency and the needs of East Texas, the bill should not be passed. The area would be better served if a permanent agreement could be reached between the two schools.

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Spring pollen blankets East Texas, stirs allergies

Summer heat will bring relief

Lewis Keener
Staff Writer

It's everywhere. It's everywhere. The yellow gunk monster is here, spewing in every direction. The gunk, known to most as tree pollen, during the next two months will blanket East Texas-soil, automobiles, sidewalks and respiratory systems. Its victims include allergy sufferers, homeowners, automobile owners and innocent bystanders.

Because of warm winter weather in the area, spring has come early and trees and plants of many varieties have started budding.

East Texans learn the aggravation of washing and waxing a car and in minutes watching the yellow dust envelope it. Even more painful is to leave the windows down and come back to find the dashboard the same color as the exterior.

Over the years most East Texans have realized that nothing will stop it, so they just grin and bear it as their cars take on orange hues, blue cars turn green and white ones become a pine pollen yellow.

Some companies offer solutions such as car dusters and anti-magnetism sprays and polishes. The results of these gimmicks are mixed.

For homeowners the problem is the same. Every time the door is opened, pollen filters in. Those who leave their windows open return to find the sunlight reflecting off the dining table dimmed by the familiar yellow film. Yellow footprints across the freshly mopped kitchen floor are especially delightful.

For compulsively neat people pollen season is a nightmare.

For many it is not their cars and houses turning yellow that bothers them. It is the day-to-day hell of runny noses, burning, itching, watery eyes, pulsating headaches, coughing and inability to breathe. Allergy sufferers spend all they earn seeking relief.

Tree pollens sift from a variety of oaks, ashes, elms, hackberry and pecan trees. Mountain and red cedars are the most troublesome to most sufferers but they do not grow locally. Their pollen must be air transported into the area. Although their pollen is highly visible, abundant local pine trees pose little threat because their pollen so heavy it settles to earth and is rarely inhaled.

Specialist Dr. Jack Harris of the Allergy Clinic said within a group of 100 people, 15 to 20 percent are allergic. That means of the approximately 8,000 TJC students, nearly 2,000 probably have some type of allergies.

"The worst time for tree pollen sufferers is during spring, mainly in March, with this season peaking in April and grasses coming later in May lasting until mid-summer when it's too hot," Harris said.

Common remedies are over-the-counter antihistamines and decongestants. Antihistamines temporarily relieve the common symptoms such as burning, itching eyes and runny noses.

Decongestants temporarily clear the nasal passages. These remedies applications range from gel caplets to deep heating rubs.

"Most of the over-the-counter stuff provides some help but are not the total cure," Harris said.

Allergy sufferers bombard local drugstores seeking any kind of temporary relief. Pharmaceutical companies make a fortune while the allergic pray for a raincloud to wash this mess away.

Unfortunately once the water dries, the pollen is more condensed so what was just a dusty yellow film is now yellow streaks and blotches.

Then a new villain, mold, appears. Many are allergic to mold spores.

The only real remedy for the allergic is to wait for summer when trees are finished. But then it is too hot to enjoy the outdoors.

Duran Duran's 9th worth wait

James Keel
Staff Writer

Duran Duran's self-titled ninth album is exactly what the devoted Duran fan has awaited for more than two years.

On the heels of the beautiful hit "Ordinary World," which reached No. 3 on Billboard magazine's Hot 100, this album contains a greater variety of styles than other recent ones.

The group members' talent created that bounty. Simon LeBon supplies lead vocals. Nick Rhodes handles keyboards. Former Missing Persons' guitarist Warren

Cuccurullo joined in 1989 and bassist John Taylor rounds out the group responsible for selling more than 20 million albums.

Among the 13 songs on the album are many potential hit singles such as "Come Undone." This smooth cut with a Soul II Soul style beat is a melodic, hip-hop version of "Ordinary World's" theme of a man in love who still cares about the woman who shuns him.

Another winning song is "Love Voodoo," in which Taylor's driving, sexy bassline alone could make one blush.

Also great is "Too Much

Information," a surprisingly hard rocker in which LeBon sings, "Destroyed by MTV, I hate to bite the hand that feeds me."

Adding variety are "Drowning Man," a cut with a techno-dance sound like Nine Inch Nails on downers; the bubbly, sure-pop "UMF" and a dreamy cover of Velvet Underground's "Femme Fatale."

This album more than likely won't do gangbusters on the charts due to its widespread sounds, but for lovers of diverse music, "Duran Duran" is a strong album to consider. Duranies will love every minute.

News Briefs

PALS seek summer help

The Peer Advisor Leadership Staff is seeking 25-30 student leaders to work during four freshman orientation sessions this summer.

"These student leaders play an invaluable role to incoming freshmen in that they are among the first people the freshmen meet in their college experience," PALS Supervisor Cathryn Cates said.

PALS monitor placement testing, give campus tours and help students during registration.

"Past PALS have also gained personally from their interaction with other student leaders as well as faculty and staff personnel," Cates said.

PALS are paid minimum wage. Students interested in becoming a part of PALS should pick up an application from Dr. L.A. Barnes in the Counseling Office or from Cathryn Cates in Genecov 214. All applications need to be returned by April 12, Cates said.

Candidates will be interviewed April 21-22 and PALS will be trained in May.

Financial aid office moves

The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office has temporarily been moved to the third floor of Rogers Student Center. The office is located in front of the elevator.

The office will move to its permanent new home on the first floor of the White Administrative Services Center when the building is completed in mid-May, Public Information Director Betty Nelson said.

The office was located in the Administrative Annex but has been relocated while that building is renovated. When renovation is complete, the Administrative Annex will house the TJC Computer Center, which contains the mainframe computer.

The phone number for Financial Aid is 510-2385.

Park to hire students

College students from around the country are being sought to work at Glacier Park.

Glacier Park, Inc., is seeking for more than 900 students to work in all areas of hotel and hospitality. Jobs include front desk and room attendants, cooks, wait persons, bus drivers and guest entertainers in the hotel. Employees are needed from mid-May to early October. College students traditionally have worked at the park during the summer. They can enjoy the 4.1 million acres of Glacier National Park.

"You can get much needed job-related experience in a variety of areas, which can help with a career later on," Park President Dale Scott said.

Many students use their Glacier employment as an opportunity to save money for school, he said.

For details on jobs and salaries call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 270-2612, or write Glacier Park, Inc., Dial Tower, Phoenix, Az, 85077-0924.

ETSU faculty to visit TJC

Representatives from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Technology and Education of East Texas State University will meet with TJC students from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday in Rogers Student Center.

Honor society wins district office

The TJC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was elected District III Vice-President of the Texas/New Mexico Region last month.

Advisors Judy Turman and Gigi Beaton with 11 members of Alpha Omicron attended the regional convention in Houston, where the chapter also received a five-star rating, the highest rating.

Internationally, of 913 chapters of the international junior colleges' academic honor society, only 105 are rated a five-star rating.

Requirements for the rating are numerous: four or more community service projects, a college service program and an intensive study program of a nationally-mandated honors topic.

TJC also received the Milestone Award for a chapter "which has had the greatest renewal of dedication."

"This year's Milestone award goes to one of the older chapters in the state," Cliff Wood, former Texas/New Mexico regional PTK director told approximately 600 at the awards banquet. "But for a long time, they were only active on the campus level."

Texas/New Mexico, the largest PTK region, is considered the most powerful and respected region as well. Every junior and community college in the region has a chapter.

Beaton, currently regional advisory board secretary,

will serve as board vice-chair next year and then as chair.

She received the Horizon Award for outstanding new advisors.

The office of District III vice-president is one of five in the regional organization. The region elects a president and vice-president from each of the four districts. This is the first time in Alpha Omicron's 62-year history they have run for regional office.

Advisors selected Alpha Omicron Past President Jeremy Coe as the spokesperson to criss-cross the district to speak during the term. The position, though won by the entire chapter, is held individually.

The district's jurisdiction extends south to College Station and west to Austin.

"One officer from last year put over 10,000 miles on her car," Beaton said. "This position is not to be taken lightly."

Officers will orient new members, who are invited to join after they earn a 3.5 grade point average, at 2 p.m. Monday, April 12, in Wise Auditorium. Those attending will elect next year's chapter officers. For more information, call Turman at 510-2465 or Beaton at 510-2356.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters are in every state, Canada, Germany, Guam, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. At the International Convention in Dallas later this month, the group will induct their one millionth member.

Counselors encourage early preparation for admissions

High school students wishing to enroll in classes next fall should prepare as soon as possible.

"Admission requirements for colleges may seem overwhelming to those unfamiliar with the procedures, but they are really not that difficult with a little advance planning," Admissions Counselor Janna Chancey said.

Each should complete an admissions application. These are available in the registrar's office, admissions office or in the back of the TJC catalog.

"Students are encouraged to come by the office and pick them up for friends or family members who may be interested in attending TJC," Chancey said.

The admissions office also requires transcripts from high school and colleges attended.

New students should make an appointment with an academic counselor in the counseling office before they plan their schedules.

TJC has an open door admissions policy, so SAT and ACT scores are not required, but students planning to apply for scholarships should take them, Chancey said.

TJC placement or pre-TASP testing is required to help counselors determine appropriate class levels.

The test may be taken Mondays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The test takes three hours, so students should arrive in time to finish before the office closes.

Students should arrange to take these tests as far ahead of enrollment as possible," Chancey said.

"Specified scores must be reached to enter college level courses in math and English," Laverne Ludwick, counseling and testing director, said. Students who fail to meet these scores are placed in remediation classes to prepare them for college level courses.

Students must score above 16 on the reading portion and 14 on the English portion to enroll in college level English courses.

Students must score 19 to pass the pre-TASP test and then score above 12 on another placement test to get in college algebra, Ludwick said.

The state legislature has mandated that students enrolled in Texas colleges must take and pass the TASP test before they complete 15 college level semester hours. This test is given at scheduled times on campus.

Test dates remaining for this semester are April 24, June 26 and July 24. Enrollment forms are available in the counseling office.

UTT spokesperson calls downward expansion peaceable coexistence

Attempts to reach UT Tyler President Dr. George Hamm were unsuccessful but Dr. Gerald Morris, UTT vice-president of academic affairs, responded to TJC News questions:

If UT Tyler expands downward, it will be able to peacefully coexist with area junior colleges?

Yes, that has historically been the case across the nation. Some examples are UT Austin and Austin Community College, Blinn College and Texas A&M University and UT Dallas and Dallas Community College.

Do you foresee a change in the role of area junior

colleges?

No, I don't see a change. They will still have the same mission statement if UT Tyler went to a four-year university. They are doing a good job now, and I don't see that changing. As we grow, we expect that they will grow, too.

What about claims that House Bill 2578 would create an unfair partnership — first cooperation, then competition?

I don't see it so much as competing, but more as trying to provide for the needs of our area. We expect that some of the students that leave the region will now have the option to stay.



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SPRING -- A Bradford pear tree blooms in the spring sunshine near Windsor Plaza.

Campus floors reflect work, maintenance staff attitudes

Nancy Scantling
Staff Writer

TJC is a beautiful campus with well-maintained buildings that reflect the work of custodians, groundskeepers and maintenance personnel, some of whom have been here for years.

Custodial Service Coordinator James Lane supervises 36 employees who work to keep buildings clean. Lane inspects the buildings and "checks out all complaints," he said.

Lane, who has been with TJC eight years, loves to write, which he has been doing for 20 years. He works for the Lindale Times on weekends.

Lane said he finds the faculty more understanding than they used to be.

For 16 years Ruby Veasey has been a custodian here. She likes being around people. Veasey said she treats everyone alike but that she admires and encourages students to go on with their higher education, because she had never had a chance to go to college.

Paula Dean and Freddie Stevens came here five years ago

Well-maintained buildings reflect the work of custodians, groundskeepers and maintenance personnel

as custodians, Stevens after working at a private school.

"Instructors care more than most people think they do. They go that extra mile," Stevens said.

Another custodian, Shelia Weigman, likes her job and the friendliness of her fellow workers. "I never had a good job with such good benefits, vacation, paid sick leave and health benefits," she said.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Fred Norman came to TJC 10 years ago for better pay and benefits.

"The cooperation of the teachers is the most impressive thing I have seen in the 10 years I have been here," Norman said.

Antonio Lara, a custodian for nine years, said, "The most impressive thing that I have seen is the President (George Bush) coming." Bush spoke on campus

in fall 1990.

After 25 years as a custodian, Nina Pinke calls the students most impressive.

Custodian Willie Mae Williams came to TJC 13 years ago when a friend who was already working here suggested it. She praises the employee recognition dinners and the students.

"I have a special pick each year," Williams said.

Custodian Lola Jones who has been here 16 years was working at Texas Eastern School of Nursing when TJC absorbed that institution. She stayed on to work in the main campus.

Johnnie Tate has been with TJC for three years as a custodian. She was looking for a job with better benefits. She praised "the overall friendliness of the faculty and students."

Video Series

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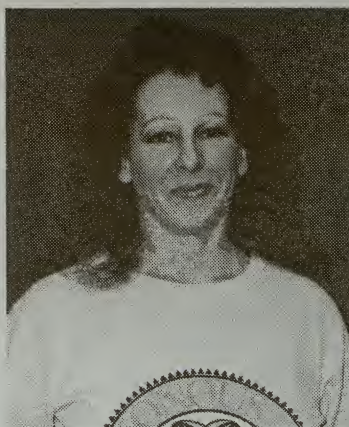
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'I've never had a good job with such good benefits, vacation [and] paid sick leave'

Maintenance personnel include: Johnnie Tate (left), Sheila Weigman (above), Ruby Veasey (right) and Antonio Lara (below).



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Dr. Bob Peters: storm tracker extraordinaire

Keith Mathis
Staff Writer

In the spring of 1985 a man and his children fled their mobile home on Lake Tyler East after a voice on the radio said, "If you are in the vicinity of Lake Tyler East and you are in a mobile home, get out of it immediately."

They did. They found shelter in a ditch only minutes before an ebony whirlwind, as tall as the sky, roared over their home. Luckily, the tornado did not touch down. If it had, the mobile home would have been reduced to so much scrap metal.

The voice on the radio had belonged to TJC's own Dr. Bob Peters.

There is no way to tell how many lives Peters has saved. There is no way to count the people who have gotten out of harm's way after being alerted by Peter's calm but urgent voice.

Most everyone who has lived in East Texas for any length of time has spent suspense filled hours listening to Peters on radio station KTBB as he tracked dangerous storms across the region.

Peters has been the official National Weather Service observer for this area since 1975. One factor that makes this un-



usual is that Peters has never attended a single meteorology class. What makes it more unusual still is the fact that Peters is blind.

"I've lived in this county for 52 years. I know where things are and I know where things are in relation to other things," Peters said. "The station has also bought me some very good radio equipment."

When weather threatens, Peters is equipped to monitor storms and broadcast from his office on campus or his office at home. He receives storm information from the National Weather Service through his computer, either in Braille or through a voice synthesizer.

He compares this information with other information he receives, via telephone, from someone watching a radar screen at the radio station.

He then plots the storms in his mind's eye and relays the position and severity of the storm to his anxious listeners.

"While it is going on I have a feeling of intense concentration—almost like I'm detached from myself. Afterwards I get kind of silly," Peters said. "It is rewarding to me to do one of these severe weather things and have it pass by and no one get hurt."

"I seem to have a voice that some people can believe in. I have a voice that is pretty well known in this area. I don't get too excited or panicky."

Peters, who has a B.A. in history from Texas Christian University, a Masters degree in history from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Texas at Austin said he had never intended to become a weatherman.

"It was kind of an accident," he said. He was working at The

Tyler Courier Times-Telegraph in the early 1960s. The weather reports from Kansas City arrived after deadline "so they were either late or outdated," Peters said. "I knew a little about it, not a lot so I started writing the weather forecast and it went from there."

One newspaper editor recalled, "I had been working with him about three desks away for more than a month before I found out he was blind. Then, one day somebody left a trashcan out in the middle of the aisle and he ran into it. I said, 'What's the matter with that guy? Is he blind or something?' Then somebody said, 'Yeah, he is.' I was pretty embarrassed."

"When I figured I was gonna be doing the weather a while," Peters said, "I read all the textbooks that were required of a person to get a B.A. in meteorology in 1968 or 70. Meteorology hasn't changed that much since then but our ability to measure it has."

Peters, who began doing weather forecasts for KTBB radio about that time, said the emergency weather broadcasts began back in the 1970s after Longview got a radar system.

"Later in the 70s the National Weather Service started training civil defense weather spotters in the area. In 77-78 we started doing it regularly," he said.

Although Peters is best known in this area for his meteorological talent, he said his

first love is teaching. He has been teaching at TJC since 1966. His ability to move around the classroom and call students by name is the stuff of legend. Some students, down through the years, have sworn the man can see.

"If I was ever going to be limited to doing one thing I would probably teach. I enjoy teaching. I love the opportunity to explain the way things work to folks," he said in that voice now so familiar to the weather conscious in East Texas.

Limiting Peters to doing just one thing would be no small feat. Aside from teaching and working as head meteorologist for the Tyler newspaper, KTBB and KTYL, he is also the chairman of the Tyler Mayor's Committee on Disabilities and a member of the Texas Planning for Developmental Disabilities Committee, which requires him to fly to Austin on a regular basis. As if that were not enough, in his spare time he has written of two computer programs.

Peters has accomplished more than many people while coping with a physical challenge that would prove devastating to most people. At the risk of sounding trite and hokey, Peters is an inspiration to us all.

"Actually I'm fortunate in that I get to do a lot of different things I like and might be about half way good at," he said. "I get to do enough things so that I don't get bored. I get bored pretty easy."

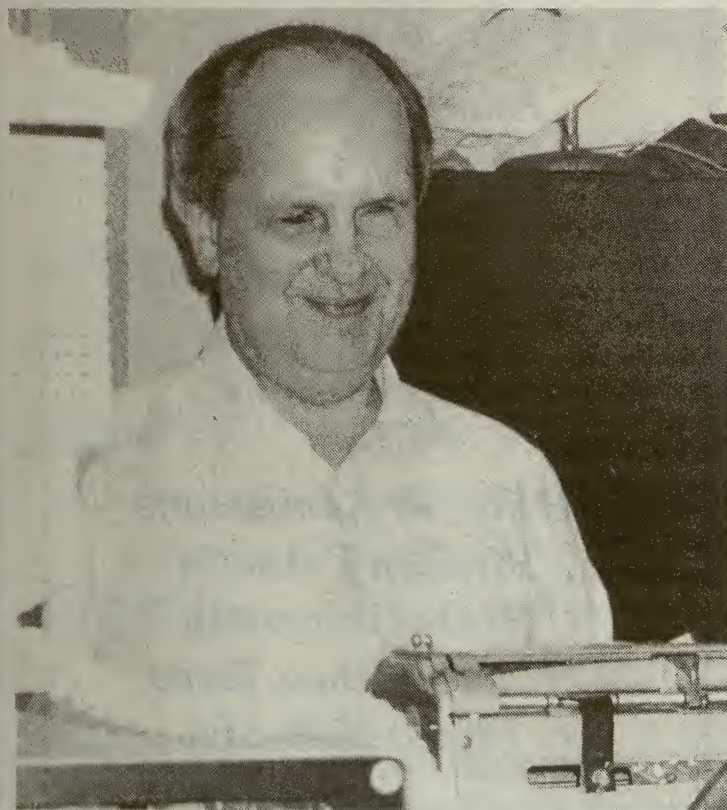


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Good Advice— When weather threatens East Texans, the familiar voice of Dr. Bob Peters on radio station KTBB relays safety information to listeners. Peters uses radio equipment and telephone helpers to plot storms in his mind's eye.

City life in Tyler challenges, excites students from small towns

Meredith Tucker
Staff Writer

Moving from a small town to a city of 75,000 is part of the leap some freshmen must make. Adapting to a completely different environment is often not easy.

"The city has too many red lights," Freshman Mario Guerrero said. "In Teague we only had one traffic light and it was a flashing red light."

Guerrero moved to Tyler from a small town of 3,300 people. Living in a town 25 times bigger has required some adjustments.

"People aren't as friendly in the city," Guerrero said. "In Teague everybody waves at you."

Guerrero said an advantage of living in the city is the variety of products and service available.

"There's more to choose from," he said. "In a small town

you have to take what you can get."

Freshman Tina Turner said she hates the crime that goes on in Tyler.

"I'm afraid to walk around here by myself," Turner said. "There wasn't any crime in Fairfield."

In Fairfield, the 3,200 people concentrated less on crime and more on gossip.

"In small towns people talk too much and everybody gets in everybody else's business," Turner said.

Moving to a bigger town was not all what Turner expected.

"I thought that moving to a

big city meant I was going to have fun every night," Turner said, "but that's not the way it goes."

Beverly McCay left the 1,258 people in Big Sandy to move to Tyler.

"I love it. It's great!" McCay said.

McCay said it is better living in a bigger city because there are more people to meet and different kinds of people around all the time.

"It was a complete cultural shock," McCay said.

There are so many unique people with different points of view and interests, she said.

"There is such a variety, especially in the way people dress,"

McCay said. "People don't get very outlandish in small towns."

Living in Tyler has enhanced her love for big cities. "I was ready for a change. I have more freedom here and I'm glad I'm here. I like Tyler," she said.

Taking these students out of the isolation of small towns and putting them in a larger city has broadened their outlooks and given them the opportunity to experience new things.

They all agree that the traffic back home was better and the people were friendlier, but they are glad to escape from places where gossip is considered the No. 1 pastime.

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TV journalist encourages communications students

Bryan Houston of Region 56 News told mass communication students about news gathering and reporting.

Houston, a Texas native who attended TJC and Stephen F. Austin State University, has been working in television and radio for 20 years.

After showing a film highlighting Channel 56 News talents and abilities, Houston opened the floor for questions. Among them was the inevitable, "How do you

get into the television news business?"

"Students should take all the journalism and associated classes in college because that is what employers look for," Houston said.

Houston also stressed how important it is that career journalism hopefuls possess basic reading and writing skills.

"If a news reporter uses incorrect grammar while on the air, someone is going to recognize it

and as a consequence, that person will not only tune out what the reporter is saying, but will feel that the reporter has lost a certain degree of credibility as well," Houston said.

"The news reporting career can be very stressful and can seem routine at times," Houston said, "but when the big events happen such as the the recent events in Waco, there is nothing like the feeling you get from covering a major news story."

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Memphis project gives chance to grow spiritually

Misty Otts
Staff Writer

The biggest disappointment in Christians today is their lack of spirituality, Philip Attebery, Association of Baptist Students director, said. The ABS is here to give students an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord.

One such opportunity, Operation Memphis, planned for May 22-27 in Memphis, Tenn., is a missionary project involving ABS chapters from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Members will go to Crystal Springs Baptist Mission to work with their missionary pastor, the Rev. Mike Silvey. Members will help advertise, visit, minister, help the needy and also have fun! The deadline to sign up is April 30.

Weekly ABS activities include a free "High Noon" Lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and a Bible study which has been moved from Tuesday nights to 7 p.m. Thursday nights.

A three-part video series on the second coming of Christ will be shown at 7 p.m. April 15, 22 and 29. The videos dramatize events from the Biblical book of Revelation.

"We will try to provide answers and clear up some issues such as the mark of the beast and try to make it relate to current life," Attebery said.

The ABS is a great place to go and relax between classes, Attebery said. ABS has added a Coke machine and a Joust video game at the campus center. A portion of the income from these machines will support Operation Memphis. In addition to the new Joust game, students may play pool, table tennis, table games, watch TV, study and meet new friends.

ABS has been a campus organization for five and a half years. Anyone is welcome to come regardless of their beliefs.

"People are always welcome to come and play, but we

hope they will also consider us as an opportunity to grow closer to God," Attebery said. "It is becoming hard to tell the difference between Christians and non-Christians."

That is because the Christians are not taking advantage of all the opportunities to serve the Lord, he said. The Bible says we are to be witnesses everywhere we go.

That involves not only going to church, but witnessing and being an example to everyone. Campus ministries provide a positive environment and an opportunity to reach the campus for Christ, Attebery said.

"It is easier now to be involved while you are in college than it will be 10 years from now when you have a family and a career," he said. "You must consider this question: 'Will TJC be better off because I've been here?'"

For more information on ABS activities, contact Philip or Stephanie Atteberry at 593-1849.



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JOUST!—ABS Member tests his skills with the new video game at the Center.

Physical therapy, Apache baseball keep 'Woody' Woodson busy

Jennifer Garrett
Staff Writer

Majoring in physical therapy and playing Apache baseball keeps Chris "Woody" Woodson busy this semester.

He transferred here after a year at Brookhaven Community

College in Dallas. Woodson graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1991 and went to Brookhaven to play ball.

"The (Brookhaven) coach was unorganized and did not know what he was doing," Woodson said, so he transferred to TJC.

With TJC starting a new

baseball program this year, he felt this was the place to be.

"It's helped me be able to meet a lot of new people," he said.

This semester he mostly plays baseball, goes to school and watches television, he said.

He called the he baseball coaches a positive influence.

"I think the (Head Baseball) Coach (Jon Groth) is knowledgeable about baseball and helps me a lot with my hitting because of his experience in pro-baseball," Woodson said. Assistant Coach Eddie Uschold "keeps the team in good spirits."

Although baseball is only in

its first year here, Woodson is positive about the team.

"As long as we keep our good chemistry and work together well as a team, then we will do just fine," he said.

In the future, Woodson plans to play baseball at a senior college but he is undecided about where.



photo by Misty Otts

CONGRATS!—Student Chris Ford presents English Instructor Gloria Peggram with a certificate for her positive influence.

Faculty breakfast honors instructors

Misty Otts
Staff Writer

Five instructors were honored for their positive moral and spiritual performance inside and outside the classroom Tuesday morning at a faculty appreciation breakfast.

As part of Spiritual Life Week, campus Bible chair directors asked their members to pick one instructor who demonstrated a positive influence on students, Philip Attebery, Association of Baptist Students director, said.

Honored were: History Instructor Linda Cross nominated by Denise Attaway; Health and Kinesiology Instructor Jamon Kirby by Michael Lowrance; English Instructor Gloria Peggram by Chris Ford; Math and Success Oriented Studies Instructor Katie

'We are hoping to make this an annual event, Philip Attebery, Association of Baptist Students director, said.'

Preast by Amy Harrison and Biology Instructor Judith Pilgrim by Misty Otts.

Students presented the honorees with framed certificates and told approximately 35 faculty breakfast guests how much they appreciated them.

"The purpose of Spiritual Life Week is to educate students to the broader understanding of the humanities as it specifically relates to religion," according to the guidelines for Spiritual Life Week.

"It is difficult in one event to help students understand how faith relates to the humanities, but

if something is done on a regular basis, it can happen and that's where the instructors come in," Attebery said.

Some instructors think students have to "check their brain at the door" and faith cannot have a part in the classroom.

"We are hoping to make this an annual event," Attebery said.

"I have had a lot of opportunities to share my faith and I've been blessed by so many good students, a good place to teach and a fascinating subject to teach," Pilgrim said. "My wish is that the students enjoy the class as much as I enjoy teaching it."